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PROHIBITION OF ARMED ATTACK ON NUCLEAR FACILITIES

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The Conference recognizes that armed attacks on, or threat of attacks against nuclear facilities, operational or under construction, would jeopardize the development of peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

The Conference takes note of the resolutions adopted by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in particular GC(XXIX)/444, where its second operative paragraph considers, "any armed attack on and threat against nuclear facilities devoted to peaceful purposes constitutes a violation of principle of the United Nations Charter, International Law and the Statute of the Agency".

The Conference therefore recognizes that an armed attack on a nuclear facility, or threat of attack, would create a situation in which the Security Council would have to act immediately in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Charter measures under Chapter VII, in particular. In this regard the IAEA could also be called on for emergency radiation protection assistance and other measures within its Statute.

The Conference considers that armed attack on nuclear facilities could result in the release of radioactivity with potentially grave consequences within and beyond the boundaries of the State which has been attacked.

The Conference encourages Parties to be ready to provide immediate assistance to any Party to the NPT, if it so requests, whose nuclear facilities have been subject to an armed attack, and calls upon all States to abide by any decisions taken by the United Nations.

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The Conference calls on all States to consider becoming a Party to the 1977 First Additional Protocol to the 1949 Geneva Convention and on all States Party to the Protocol to consider in the context of a possible international conference, to improve the present régime with regard to the protection of nuclear facilities.

The Conference appeals to States that participate in the Conference on Disarmament to overcome their differences and urges co-operation of all States for the successful conclusion of this issue in the near future.